(a) what is the present stage of the project of construction of road bridge across Yamuna River in Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) by when the construction work would be started;

(c) when the above bridge would be opened for general traffic; and

(d) what is the name of the agency which would accomplish the construction of this bridge and what is the total cost of its construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The project of construction of road bridge across Yamuna river at Allahabad is at the stage of preparation of detailed design.

(b) to (d). As the work is at the design stage, it is too early to indicate the date of start of work, the date of work, the date of opening of this bridge to traffic, the agency for its construction and the total cost of its construction.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के कर्मचारियों के लिए पेंशन योजना

8128. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :**
श्री हेच० हनुमनतप्पा :
श्री वी० नारायणसामी :
श्री राजनाथ सिंह :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री 24 अगस्त, 1994 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 4038 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के कर्मचारियों के लिए पेंशन योजना को कार्यान्वित करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव पर अब तक विचार कर लिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) सरकार, दिल्ली परिवहन निगम में पेंशन स्कीम लागू करने के प्रस्ताव पर सक्रिय रूप से विचार कर रही है। चूंकि कुछ संबंधित मुद्दों का अभी निपटान किया जाना है इसलिए इस मामले में अन्तिम निर्णय लिए जाने में कुछ और समय लगने की संभावना है।

DTC Depots

8129. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken by Government to handover important D.T.C. Depts to multinationals for commercial purposes

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): No, Sir.

Clearance to SCI to sell two ships

8130. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether clearance has been given to the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. to sell two ships;

(b) whether the delay by Government in giving clearance to the proposal has caused loss to the Corporation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : (a) Permission to Shipping Corporation of India to sell/scrap vessels is granted by the Government as and when proposals are received.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Role of National Highways Authority in finalisation of Road and Highway Projects

8131. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what would be the role of the proposed National Highways Authority in the finalisation of road projects and highway projects to be undertaken in the private sector, giving the full details thereof;

(b) whether the proposed National Highways Authority will play a role similar to the Central Electricity Authority, in selecting and approving highway projects from the foreign and private sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) As per the National Highways Authority of India Act passed by Parliament in 1988, the Authority will look after development and maintenance of National Highways entrusted to it.

(b) and (c) As per the Constitution of India, electricity is a state subject, whereas National Highways is a central subject. Therefore, the role of NHAI will not be similar to that of Central Electricity Authoriy.

Selection of Foreign Companies by States to build Roads and Highways

8132. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have been asked to locate and select foreign companies to build roads and highways;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines, if any, given to States in this regard;

(c) whether the proposed highways must meet certain minimum technical norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER (a) No, Sir. (b) to (d) Do not arise.

(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Governors (Emoluments, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1982, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification Special Order No. 6|1|94-M & G, dated the 2nd May, 1995, authorising Governor of Uttar Pradesh for additional expenses during 1994-95 in respect of 'Electricity' and 'Improvement'.

[Pleased in Library. See No. LT-7690/95].

(i) Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Port Wing).

(ii) Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Delhi Transport Corporation and related paptrs.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): I lay on the Table—

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notification of the Mintstry of Surface